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1. The following movements of persons working in connection with the Arab Rebellion have been reported by various sources since mid-December.

Egypt-Palestine —— to Egypt

Amil HAMRI went to see the MFPI in Egypt on 18 December. Other leaders are also going abroad for consultations, among them 'Ismail MANAR, Amin AQL, and Salah YAZIR, representing the Jaffa National Committee.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 14(29); 21/12/47

Amil HAMRI went to see the MFPI again on 1 January.
Jewish Agency Arab Information No 1/48; 4/1/48

Mohamed Nasser HAMRI left for Egypt a fortnight ago and has not since returned. The MFPI is not pleased with his activities and attitude, and may be trying to prevent his return to Palestine by offering him a post and field of activities elsewhere. It is learned from Arab sources that HAMRI will not return to Palestine for the time being, but will work for the A.H.E. in the Lebanon. The report that he has left Palestine for good has not been confirmed.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 1/48

Mohamed Nasser HAMRI, former commander of the RAJJADAH, has been sent to Libya and Tripoli by the A.H.E. on a special mission.
Jewish Agency Digest of Press and Events # 207; 25/1/48

A delegation, including the chairman of the local committee, 'Abd al-'Aziz SWAYAN, left Tirah village for Cairo for talks with the Arab Higher Executive, according to the Jaffa daily al-Difa'.

Jewish Agency Digest of Press and Events # 204; 4/1/48

Some of the notables in the southern areas (e.g. 'Abdullah JIHANNA of Maanlyah and 'Abdullah 'AQRABAH of Tibha), who have hitherto succeeded in preventing subversive and irresponsible elements in their localities and in directing the energies of their men to preparations for the future on more organised lines, recently went to Egypt to see the MFPI. It is

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not been able to do so. The Arab Information No 1/48, dated 1/1/48, states:

Sheikh 'Abdullah ALI and Abdullah ABD AL-KARIM, his chief rival, have been in Cairo for the last fortnight. The purpose of their visit is不明. The I.N.F.I. wants to reconcile them and settle affairs in Hebron so that the town can take a more active part in the disturbances (which JA'BALI has been trying to prevent). In the second place the sheikh was to obtain arms. The question whether the arms are to be used for defense or attack will depend largely upon the wishes of the I.N.F.I. mediation between the two rivals.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 3/48; 18/1/48

JA'BALI, who recently went to Egypt to obtain arms, was unsuccessful. His failure was apparently due to the I.N.F.I.'s machinations. The Egyptian authorities restricted his freedom of movement and would not even enable him to go to Libya or Tripolitania to get arms there. It is reported that the I.N.F.I. demanded that subject hand over to him the money he had collected from the inhabitants of Hebron on the ground that it was not his business to obtain arms. JA'BALI is generally disappointed with the attitude displayed by Egypt and the Arab countries in general.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 4/48; 23/1/48

A delegation consisting of YUSUF HAMMAMI, MUSTAFA MUSA, and Sheikh 'Abd-al-Qahim ABD AL-KARIM, representing the White National Committee (the strongest in Palestine) proceeded to Cairo for consultations with the Arab leaders.

[] 23 January 1948

DR. QALANJAH has gone to the Lebanon for a few days to visit his family and take a rest. Before he went he was relieved of part of his responsibilities by Sheikh JASSIM ABU-SHAHID and Abdullah ABD AL-KARIM. From the Lebanon he will proceed to Egypt for consultations with the I.N.F.I.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 4/48; 23/1/48

—from Egypt

In some places the I.N.F.I.'s agents did not find the inhabitants ready to undergo whatever was required of them. For instance, the inhabitants of Hebron were reluctant to take part in the activities of the bandits and persisted in their attitude apparently with the mayor's support, until Sheikh SABRI ABD AL-KARIM (a Hebronite agitator close to the I.N.F.I.) was specially brought over from Egypt to persuade them to the contrary.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 13(28) 47; 24/12/47

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and will do best to wait until the situation of returning citizens is as clear as possible. Extensive precautions were taken to insure the safe return to Palauan officials of the Shedd family members. The Shedd's, with the help of the Palauine relatives, informed us that they had received your message and would speed their return, whereas they were in fact secretly conveyed by our friends to Palau under cover of darkness.

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Azmi Bey 'AEL-AL-HALY left for Damascus on 28 January to buy arms and ammunition, and to discuss Arab affairs. He has been purchasing arms and ammunition in Iraq and Syria, and sending them to Palestine through Trans-Jordan.

[] 29 January 1943

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Transjordan — to Jordan

Dem. Rep. reportedly reached Accra on 23 January to discuss the Palestine problem with leaders there. He is said to have conferred with the Transvaalian Prime Minister, Terpstra, who is said to have left Accra the same evening.

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Three members of the Trans-Jordanian Committee for the
salvation of Palestine have returned from Syria where they had gone